

Electric Fields in Matter



At the heart of Condensed Matter physics

You can see why $\vec{j} = \sigma \vec{E}$ ($I = V/R$)

\uparrow
 conductivity

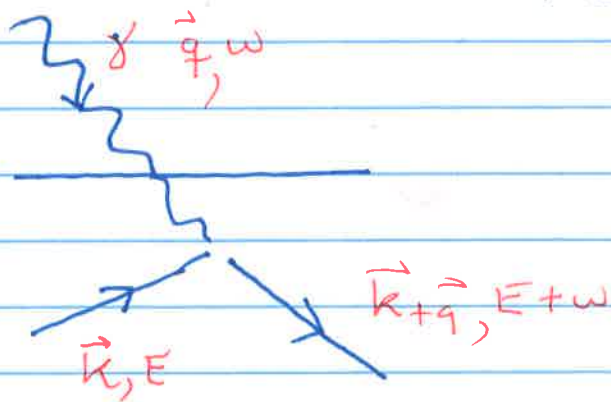
Not just static

$\vec{E}(\vec{q}, \omega)$ $\vec{B}(\vec{q}, \omega)$ \leftarrow EM waves (light)

$\sigma(\vec{q}, \omega)$ determines whether solid is transparent or opaque \leftarrow
 (ω dependent statement)

Treat light as photons

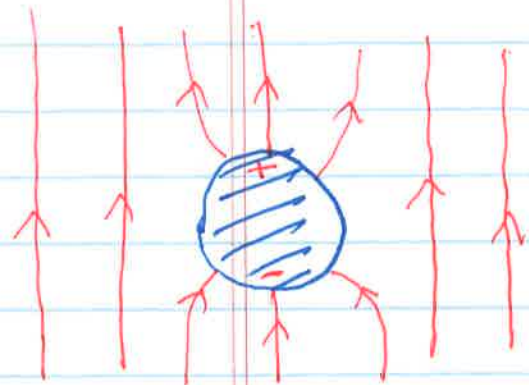
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Infer knowledge of dispersion relations $E(\vec{k})$ from absorption of photons

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Already got a start on this problem



$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V$$

$$V(r, \theta) = -E_0 \left(r - \frac{R^3}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

\vec{p} is in \hat{z}
direction

Induced dipole
field

conducting
sphere in

$$\text{uniform } \vec{E} = E_0 \hat{z}$$

$$|\vec{p}| = E_0 R^3 \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{in general } \vec{p} = \alpha \vec{E}$$

polarizability

$$\frac{\alpha}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

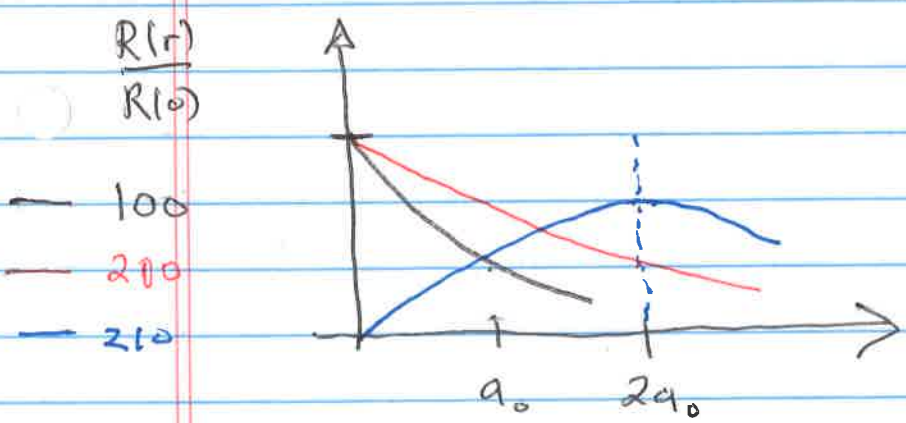
units: Volume

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Bohr radius a_0

Hydrogen atom wave functions

n	l	m	$F(\phi)$	$P(\theta)$	$R(r)$
1	0	0	$1/\sqrt{2\pi}$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	$2/a_0^{3/2} e^{-r/a_0}$
2	0	0	$1/\sqrt{2\pi}$	$1/\sqrt{2}$	$2/2\sqrt{2} a_0^{3/2} (2 - r/a_0) e^{-r/2a_0}$
2	1	0	$1/\sqrt{2\pi}$	$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \cos\theta$	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \frac{1}{a_0^{3/2}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0}$
2	1	± 1	$1/\sqrt{2\pi} e^{\pm i\phi}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin\theta$	$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \frac{1}{a_0^{3/2}} \frac{r}{a_0} e^{-r/2a_0}$



⇒ P should increase across periodic table row!

Q: what are we missing?

Charge Z on nucleus

$$e^{-Zr/2a_0}$$

$n=2$ completes second row
But Z goes up to 8
and wins!

$$P(r) \sim r^2 e^{-r/b}$$

$$b = n/z$$

↑

Phase space

assuming no ℓ, ℓ' dependence

$$\int_0^\infty \underbrace{r^2}_u \underbrace{e^{-r/b}}_{dv} dr = -br^2 e^{-r/b} \Big|_0^\infty + b \int_0^\infty 2r e^{-r/b} dr$$

$$= 2b \left\{ r e^{-r/b} \Big|_0^\infty + b \int_0^\infty e^{-r/b} dr \right\}$$

$$= 2b^3$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \frac{1}{2b^3} \int_0^\infty r^3 e^{-r/b} dr = \frac{1}{2b^3} 6b^4 = 3b$$

$$\langle r \rangle = 3n/z$$

Predict size falls by $3/10$ factor Li to Ne

$$\text{Li } z=3$$

$$\text{Ne } z=10$$

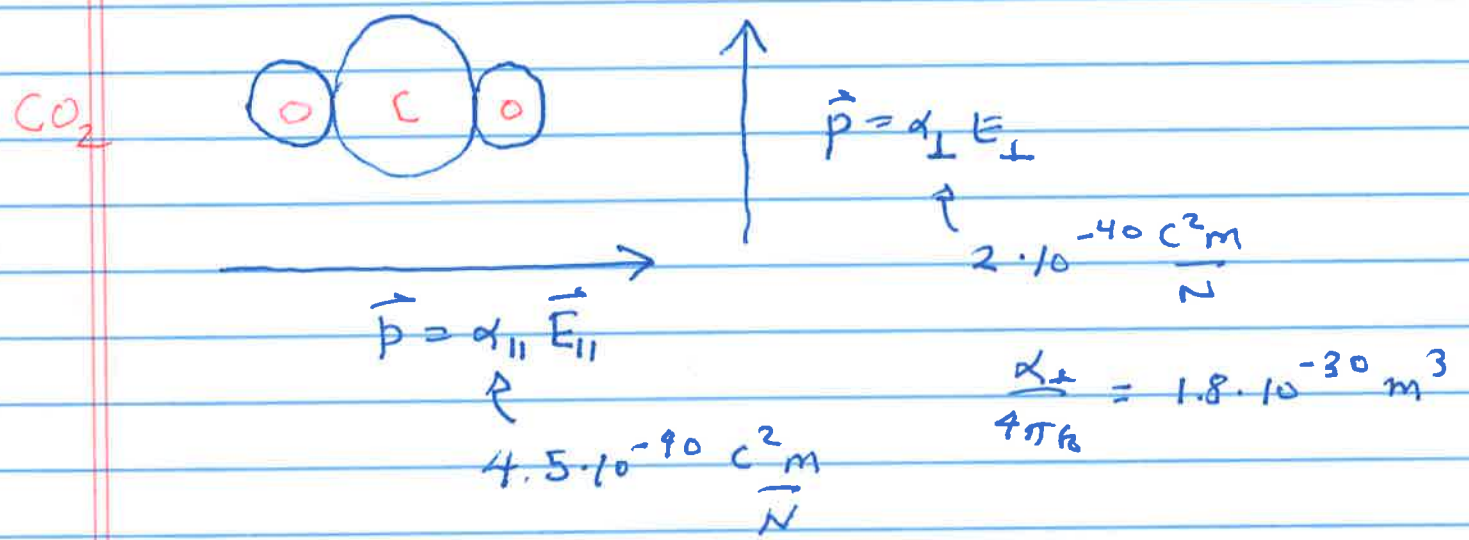
$$\propto \sim \text{Volume} \sim$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^3 = 27/1000$$

$$= .0027$$

$$\text{Actual } \frac{0.396}{24.3} = .0162$$

Molecules trickier : Shape may cause easier polarization along one direction than another



$\frac{\alpha_{\parallel}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 40 \cdot 10^{-30} m^3$

$\frac{\alpha_{\perp}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-30} m^3$

CO2 is simple since linear

Even uglier:

$P_x = \alpha_{xx} E_x + \alpha_{xy} E_y + \alpha_{xz} E_z$

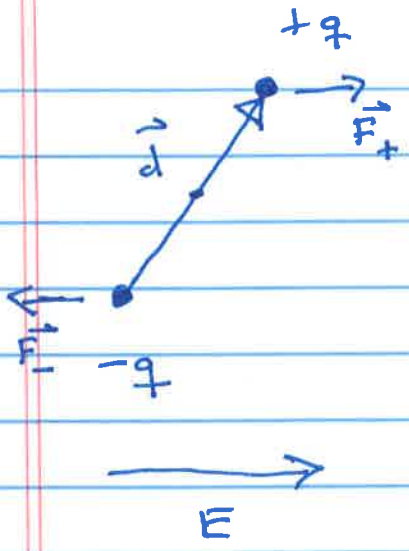
$P_y =$

$P_z =$



$\alpha_{ij} \equiv$ polarizability tensor

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$\vec{\tau} = 0$ but torque nonzero

$$\vec{\tau} = \frac{d}{2} \times qE + (-\frac{d}{2}) \times (-qE)$$

$$= qd \times E = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

Single dipole

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

dipole "density"
 \downarrow
 $\vec{p}(r') d\tau'$ dipole
 in volume $d\tau'$

Many dipoles

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\vec{p}(r') \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} d\tau' \quad \leftarrow \hat{r} \text{ here really } \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$$

$$\vec{\nabla}' \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}' \frac{1}{r} d\tau'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \int \vec{\nabla}' \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{p}}{r} \right) d\tau' - \int \frac{1}{r} (\vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{p}) d\tau' \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{1}{r} \vec{p} \cdot d\vec{a}' - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{1}{r} (\vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{p}) d\tau'$$

precise by the form
 of potential due
 to charge on a surface

$\sigma_b \equiv \vec{p} \cdot d\vec{a}'$
 if we define

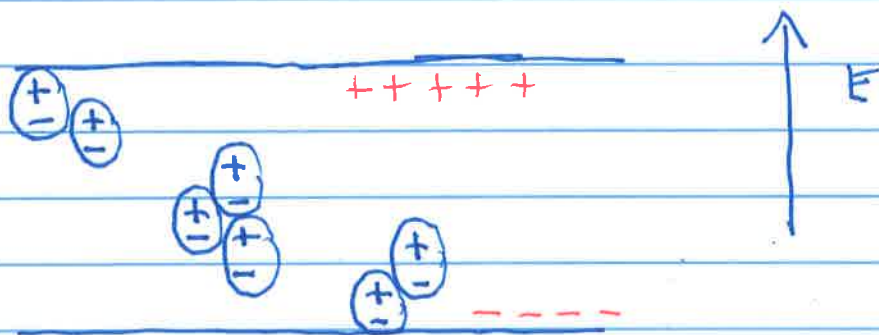
Potential due to
 $\rho_b = -\vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{p}$

Potential (and field) of polarized object

$$\equiv \text{Same as } \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} \quad \text{"bound charges"}$$

$$\sigma_b \equiv \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

Physical picture infinite slab



cancels in interior only charge at surface

Pickett's "Polarization catastrophe" PRL 102 107662 (2009)
 \rightarrow EM6A

Uniformly polarized sphere $\nabla \cdot \vec{P} = 0$
 \uparrow uniform

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} = P \cos \theta$$

$$V(r, \theta) = \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} r \cos \theta \quad r < R$$

$$\frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} \frac{R^3}{r^2} \cos \theta \quad r > R$$

"usual" argument eq from HW! $r^e, r^{(e+1)} P(\cos \theta)$

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If no internal cancellation...

Heterostructure Polar LaAlO_3 \leftarrow $\text{LaO} (+)$ charge
 \leftarrow $\text{AlO}_2 (-)$ charge
| nonpolar SrTiO_3

\Rightarrow "Ever increasing dipole"

AlO_2^- $-q$

LaO^+ $+q$

AlO_2^- $-q$ $\uparrow E$

LaO^+ $+q$

AlO_2^- $-q$ $\uparrow E$

LaO^+ $+q$

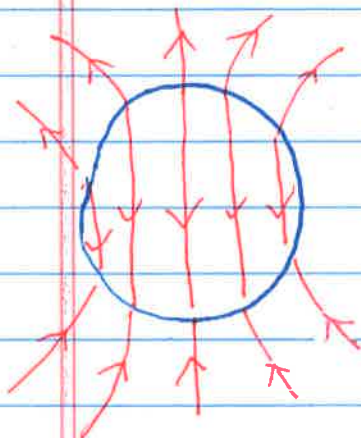
SrTiO_3 surface

\Rightarrow potential grows indefinitely

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V \quad \text{inside } V = \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} z$$

$$\text{and } E = -\frac{P}{3\epsilon_0}$$

$$\text{outside } V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{P \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad P = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 P$$



Weird? Not really: picture

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{on surface}$$

$$\text{along } \hat{z} \text{ axis } \quad \theta=0 \quad \vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} = P \quad V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{P}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{P}{z^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V = \frac{P}{2\pi\epsilon_0} z^3 \hat{z}$$

$$\theta=\pi \quad \vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} = -P \quad V = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{P}{z^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}V = -\frac{P}{2\pi\epsilon_0} z^3 \hat{z}$$



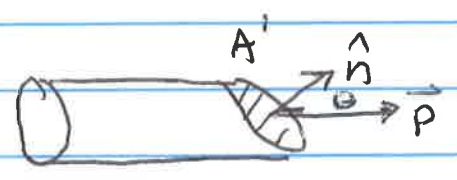
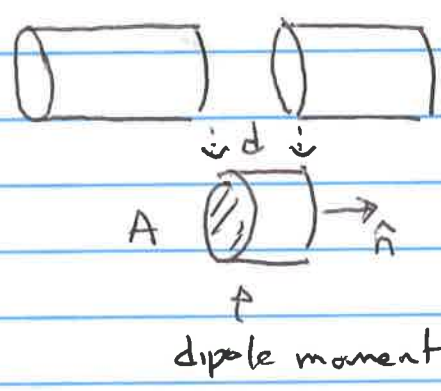
> 0 since $z < 0$

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Electric field of collection of dipoles can be interpreted in terms of "bound" charge

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n} \quad \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P}$$

mathematical manipulations, vector identities etc
 But actually real physical charge accumulation
 Saw this for slab. Can also understand angles



oblique cut.
 same charge but

$$A' \cos \theta = A$$

$$\sigma'_b = q/A'$$

$$= \frac{q \cos \theta}{A}$$

$$= P \cos \theta$$

$$= \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$P \cdot V = PA d = q d$$

polarization per volume \rightarrow

$$q = PA$$

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$\cos \theta = 1$$

consistent

induced dipole \vec{p} : uncharged conducting sphere has $\vec{p} = 0$ unless \vec{E}_{ext} applied

permanent dipole \vec{p}
 H_2O molecule
 even in absence of \vec{E}_{ext}

